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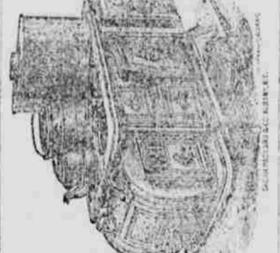
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FIRST PREMIUM COOK STOVE.

This Stove took the First Premium at the State Fair held at Rochester, October 1st, 1862.

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As it will bake, broil and roast better than any other Stove, with a saving of 25 per cent. in fuel.

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The Loss of the Steamship London.

HEARTRENDING INCIDENTS OF HEROISM AND SUFFERING.

The wreck of the Australian emigrant ship London, with the loss of over two hundred lives, has already been recorded.

It was not till four A. M., on Wednesday, the 19th instant, that Captain Martin resolved to put back to Plymouth.

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Charles Sumner in French Eyes.

A French gentleman, who visited Boston in the early part of the last year, sent to the *Rome des Deux Mondes* some pleasant sketches of our city and leading citizens, from which we make the following extract in relation to Mr. Sumner:

Behind the State-House on the side of the hill, which descends in a steep slope, is a retired, well cared for, irreproachable street, on which all the houses are surrounded by iron railings; something indescribable in their appearance tells of a warm, comfortable and peaceful interior.

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THEY SAY.

From "Sargent's Monthly" we take the following instructive dialogue, which is very applicable to a great many persons in the world.—Profit by it:

Mr. Tittle.—You are a stranger in these parts, I reckon, mister.

Mr. Rollins.—What makes you think so?

Mr. Tittle.—Well, you kind of stared about as you got out of the cars, as if the place didn't look familiar.

Mr. Rollins.—Do you know a Mrs. Rollins in this town?

Mr. Tittle.—It is she that lives in the brown cottage on the hill yonder?

Mr. Rollins.—The same.

Mr. Tittle.—Well, I can't say I visit her, but I can tell you all about her. 'Oor woman!

Mr. Rollins.—Why do you say that? Is anything the matter with her?

Mr. Tittle.—She has had a hard time of it. Poor young thing! A month after her marriage, and just as she had fixed there in the cottage, her swamp of a husband ran off to California.

Mr. Rollins.—Scamp of a husband! Run off? (Indignant) What do you mean, sir? (Checking himself)—Excuse me. What did he run off for?

Mr. Tittle.—For robbing a Bank. So they say.

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Mr. Rollins.—Who are they?

Mr. Tittle.—The world generally. Every body says.—People say.

Mr. Rollins.—Can you name a single person besides yourself who says it?

Mr. Tittle.—Really, so many people say it that I can't think of any one in particular.

Mr. Rollins.—Perhaps I will awaken your memory by and by. But what of Mrs. Rollins?

Mr. Tittle.—She's on the point of being married again. So they say.

Mr. Rollins.—Indeed! To whom?

Mr. Tittle.—To a Mr. Edward Edwards.

Sewing Machine Trial.

At the Great Union Fair, held at Island Park, between Albany and Troy, September 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1865, two premiums were offered on sewing machines, one for the best sewing machine, and the other for the second best—competition being open to the State.

On the first day of the Fair, the Troy agent of the Florence Sewing Machine Company, having jointly with the Albany agent of the same Machine, entered it for competition, published in the *Troy Daily Times* a challenge to agents of sewing machines, to meet them at said Fair and compete with them for the premium.

The challenge was accepted by the Troy and Albany agents of the Willcox and Gibbs Machine. And no other kind of Sewing Machine being in competition, it was left for these two Machines, (one representing the old "lock" or "shuttle stitch" class, and the other the new, single thread, "twisted loop stitch" class,) by this single-handed contest, to decide the relative merits of these two classes of Sewing Machines.

The competitors being allowed to select judges, each party selected one, and these two selected a third—all of them practical machinists, and of the highest standing in their profession, and were appointed judges.

Before entering upon the trial, it was mutually agreed upon between the contestants, and adopted by the judges:

Each party was to prepare and submit to the judges a list of the several points of merit on which superiority was claimed. These points were to be separately considered, thoroughly investigated, and practically tested, by work done then and there, upon each of the machines; and then decided in favor of the machine which was adjudged to excel on that "point."

It was also agreed that each party should be at liberty to expose defects in the competing machine, and have the right to call for tests to prove the same.

Finally, it was agreed that the machine which, at the conclusion of the trial, should be found to have the greatest number of those points decided in its favor should be declared the *Best Sewing Machine*, and awarded the *First Premium*.

The agents of the Willcox and Gibbs Machine were assisted by Mr. Patten, one of the Company's General Agents, as manager of the trial; and the agents of the Florence Machine, by Mr. Tucker, one of the best sewing machine experts in the country, in the same capacity.—Mr. Tucker was formerly associated with the Florence machinery as an adjuster of the machines, and was probably as competent to represent their machine as

any other agent of the Willcox and Gibbs Machine.

It is asserted in the *last Prairie Farmer* that in a single township in the State of Indiana, \$200,000 are being expended upon new plantations of rhubarb, which farmers have been humbugged to buy as a new "wine plant."

A flock of wild geese kept pace with a train of cars on the Hudson River Railroad, going about thirty miles an hour, the other day, when they changed their course.

In Le Roy, N. Y., some grape-growers have been very successful in preserving grapes in a pit in the ground some four feet deep, kept constantly moist, the lower tiers of grapes often submerged in water.

Blazing fires built in orchards on warm evenings when trees are in full bloom, are said to destroy large numbers of the *Codling-Moth*.